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1. [] ship was inbound from Salonika in ballast and arrived in Sulina [] following the security route. The ship was given a clean bill of health and then came alongside the wharf where customs and police authorities spent about four hours inspecting. Nothing of military interest was observed along the shore of the estuary on the way up to Sulina. 25X1
2. There is wharfage on either side of the river. On the right shore there is a concrete wharf on open work concrete piling; it can berth two medium-tonnage merchant ships. Approximately one hundred meters upstream from this wharf is another wharf reserved for naval units. Six or seven boats [] were berthed at this wharf. Some of the boats were dark grey in color and others were camouflaged with special colors. Several sailors were standing on the wharf. Proceeding upstream, nothing of military interest was observed. Soviet ships of 3,000 to 4,000 tons were heading downstream, and a few motor barges were observed. 25X1
3. On the stretch between Izmil and Reni, [] greater river traffic, apparently carrying cargo. Troop quarters were visible in the Izmil area and a large number of Soviet ground forces are reported to be stationed there. On this same stretch of shore lookout posts of "pigeon loft" type were noted, however, no gun emplacements were observed. [] jet aircraft flew over several times. 25X1
4. [] ship reached Braila [] and anchored in the stream without entering the harbor. It laid over 17 days to load 3,000 tons of cement and steel rods from Czechoslovakia [] 25X1
The ship's gear was used for loading, and handling was slow because the stevedores did not know their trade. 25X1
5. A large number of Soviet forces are stationed in Braila. There are places such as theaters, dance halls, restaurants, etc., for the exclusive use of 25X1

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the Soviet troops. Generally, the people live in extremely poor conditions in sharp contrast to the Soviet forces. Almost the entire population is hostile to the Soviets.

6. [] the ship sailed downstream. It spent the night in Galati, and then with the pilot still aboard and escorted by a motor launch, proceeded for Sulina []. On the stretch between Reni and Izmail, [] about ten large motor barges which appeared to be transporting cargo. They were covered with branches and leaves and were moving in line. Their bridge was somewhat abaft the beam, and their length exceeded 50 meters. A gust of wind uncovered one of the barges which was carrying fully armed Soviet soldiers lying prone on the deck. The vessels were armed with an undetermined number of small guns and machine guns. 25X1
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7. [] the ship arrived in Sulina and, following a clean bill of health and the usual customs and police inspections, proceeded for Constanta on a direct route, avoiding the security route because the navigator was told confidentially that there were no minefields in the area indicated by the notices to mariners. 25X1
8. The ship loaded 1,500 tons of steel rods in Constanta from 21 to 26 October, which completed its cargo [] 25X1
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